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treatment for this (inaudible). So I appreciate the work of the Judiciary Committee and allowing my bill to be part of this package. Thank you. Turn my time back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Mines, on the committee amendments to LB 17.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I, too, want to stand in support of AM1472 and of the LB 17. I'd like to thank Senator Brashear and his staff for putting together a masterfully crafted document. Certainly there are a lot of issues in this bill and they do touch a broad spectrum of the law that needed to be addressed. I have one small area in here on prosecuting attorneys and expanding that role from just county attorneys being allowed to appeal their cases and expanding that to other attorneys as well, particularly municipal attorneys. So I appreciate the work that Senator Brashear and his staff have done, and I will support the amendment and the underlying bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Senator Chambers, on the committee amendment to LB 17.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, when done appropriately, our rules specifically authorize committees to combine bills, correlate bills, and it is given...a committee is given much more leeway when it comes to the matter of germaneness than an individual would be given on the floor. I can understand Senator Redfield's comments, but because we are legislating, I don't think that adding these amendments would trivialize the underlying purpose for the bill. It simply means that it's a strong horse that can carry a lot of jockeys, and that's what's being done in this case. And when the bill is enacted into law, each provision will be placed in its appropriate location within the statutes, so not all of these provisions will be tailgated onto or attached to the part of this bill that relates to protecting individuals who are aged or anybody under state custody who cannot look after themselves. I bring bills to abolish the death penalty and, Senator Redfield, I would be delighted if anybody wanted to add any amendment to that bill that would increase its chances of being